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DPOB: 17 May 1946; San Juan, Puerto Rico
SSAN: 093-36-4601 (U)

Commander in Chief
United States Army, Pacific
ATTN: GPIN-SP
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1. (U) Reference paragraph 27a, AR 604-10.

2. (U) Based upon a review of the attached file, this headquarters considers that SUBJECT'S retention in the Army is clearly consistent with the interests of national security and, therefore, recommends that this case be closed favorably under paragraph 27a, AR 604-10.

3. (C) Background and reason for investigation. a. (c) SUBJECT'S father was reported to have had the following CP association: 1939 to 1943, active in the Puerto Rican Communist Party (PCP) in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico and President of the Party in that city from 1941 to 1943; 1946, selected as PCP Organizational Secretary; 1948 to 1949, in charge of CP meetings in New York City; 1950, attended PCP meetings with marked regularity; 1951, belonged to the Bronx County, NYC Section of the CP; 1952, registered as a member of the American Labor Party (ALP) and showed preference for the ALP for two years; July 1952, met with the PCP Labor Secretary and other Puerto Rican communists in NYC; 1953, reported to be a CP member; 1956, sympathized with the CP but no evidence of membership in the CP; November 1963 to April 1964, attended CP meetings; 1964, attended meetings and rally sponsored by the Emergency Committee for Disaster Relief to Cuba; February 1967, approved as a member of the new Bronx County CP Committee; and in 1966 and 1967, attended meetings of the Puerto Rican Commission of the CP. SUBJECT'S father was interviewed by the FBI in January 1957 and July 1959 and denied being a member of the PCP, the CPUSA, ever attending meetings of either organization, or ever fostering their causes.

b. (U) A favorable NAC concerning SUBJECT was completed on 23 September 1968. DD Forms 98 and 398 executed by SUBJECT on 12 May and 1 August 1968,

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respectively, were unqualified. Local agencies disclosed the information in paragraph 3a, above. CONUS and USARV limited investigations from 21 August 1968 to 25 March 1969 disclosed the following:

(1) Local agencies disclosed no record of SUBJECT or HIS sister. A local agency disclosed that in 1962, SUBJECT'S brother was a subscriber to New Horizons for Youth, a CP publication. Three education checks disclosed no derogatory information; an education source recommended HIM favorably. Two employments were checked with favorable results; five employment sources interviewed disclosed no derogatory information and recommended HIM favorably.

(2) Nine character references disclosed no derogatory information concerning SUBJECT and recommended HIM favorably. Five of the sources disclosed that no member of HIS family had ever been known to make statements critical of the US or to voice pro-communist views. One of the sources disclosed that HIS father occasionally brought home a socialist newspaper and agreed with its comments critical of the US. On these occasions, SUBJECT and HIS brother argued in defense of the US and HIS father was not able to influence HIS political thinking and beliefs.

(3) SUBJECT was interviewed under oath on 25 March 1969, and was willing to submit to polygraph examination. HE stated substantially as follows: HE was anti-communist. HE never participated in communist activities or knowingly associated with any CP members. HIS father was a democrat but he did not always agree with party views or their candidates. HIS father's political ideologies had no influence on HIM. HE was loyal to the US and supported its Constitution in its entirely.

4. (U) SUBJECT'S ETS is 20 May 1970 and HIS DEROS is December 1969.

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